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Department of the Army  
Walla Walla District, Corps of Engineers  
Attn: Lower Snake River Study  
201 North Third Avenue  
Walla Walla, Washington 99362-1876

Re: Lower Snake River Juvenile Salmon Migration Feasibility Report

Dear Army Corps of Engineers:

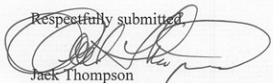
We, the Palouse Economic Development Council, firmly endorse Alternatives 1 or 2 of the Lower Snake River Juvenile Salmon Migration Feasibility Report. We adamantly oppose dam breaching (Alternative 4) because it would further erode or even destroy our already depressed agricultural economy.

Alternative 4 would dramatically increase the cost of getting our agricultural goods to market. It would also destroy our highway infrastructure with little or no chance of improving the same because of Initiative 695 which was passed by the citizens of Washington State last year. Alternative 4 is a no win situation for those of us living in southeast Washington State.

For your information, the Palouse Economic Development Council promotes economic development in the Washington counties of Asotin, Columbia, Garfield and Whitman. Attached is a list of our Board of Directors.

Your positive consideration of our stance on this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,



Jack Thompson  
Executive Director

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